

VIRGINIA.

Letter from John Lecher on the Condition of the State. LEXINGTON, Va., April 25.—Thomas Shankland, Esq., New York City—My Dear Sir—As I have heard nothing from you since my reply to your letter of the 4th of January last, I have concluded that owing to the great derangement of the mails, it has failed to reach you. I therefore write again hoping for better luck this time. Everything is moving along very quietly in this part of the country. The people are orderly and law-abiding, fulfilling strictly the obligations they have assumed to the Government of the United States. As an evidence of the feeling which exists, I send you so much of Judge Shiffey's charge to the Grand Jury, delivered here on the 12th inst., as relates to the freedmen. The charge has been universally approved by the bar and the people, and will, I am sure, command your approbation. I sent a copy of our town paper, containing it in full, to the President, and requested him to read it. Much of the ill-feeling manifested by the radicals towards the people of the South grows out of the misrepresentations and slanders prepared and circulated by the agents of the Freedmen's Bureau. They desire to retain their positions, and their duties are light and their pay good—better, indeed, than they can hope for in any other business. Hence the persistent efforts made by nine-tenths of them to prove to the authorities that our people are disloyal. Sooner, nor have the minds of the Northern people will be dissuaded, and we must be patient until that time shall come.

As to the firmness, courage, patriotism, and love of our country, there is no division among our people. I have been peculiarly struck in him, believe he is endeavoring to save the country by a restoration of the Union, and while, under present circumstances, they can render him no material aid in the struggle with the radicals, he has their best wishes for his success. My time and attention is devoted to my profession, and will be so devoted the residue of my life. I have not attended public meetings or discussed politics since the late election, nor have I cast a political vote since May, 1861. I have no desire to meddle in politics; in the first place, because by the burning of my property here by General Hunter, and the confiscation of my property in Washington, I have been peculiarly injured, and secondly, because I cannot see that I can be of service to my own section or the country at large. The only service I can render is to give the country the benefit of my example in showing a proper respect to the laws of the land, and a practical obedience thereto. I will be glad to hear from you at all times. I am truly your friend, JOHN LECHER.

MISCELLANEOUS JOTTINGS.

In Paris there is a hospital for supernaturated cats. Hessian boots are to be fashionable for gentlemen this summer, for premeditated costume. What kind of medicine ought to be given to a child afflicted with a cruel father? A mild aperient! (A milder parent.) Madame Dore has finished thirty drawings for Tennessee's "Jays of the King." They will be engraved in England. A new daily paper (price five centimes, or one cent) has been started in Paris. It is called La Presse Illustrée. John Moran, charged with shooting Miss Kenney, in Roxbury, Mass., has been arraigned at Dedham, under the Supreme Judicial Court. Bishop Andrew, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, has retired from the Episcopacy. He is over seventy years of age. Archery is to be the fashionable pastime among ladies this year abroad. The day of croquet is passed. An old Indian, on seeing a lady on Chesnut street with a dress arranged over an enormous Empress train—"Ugh! her neck much wig-wig!" Seal collecting is the new rage with ladies in Paris. Impressions of seals and crests of royal and noble personages are in as great demand as old postage stamps used to be. The young prince of Zeck, who is to marry the pretty Princess Mary of Cambridge is said to be quite handsome, and only aged 29—four years younger than his intended wife. Charles Dickens recently declined an invitation to read before the Queen, on the ground that he would not go as a performer where he was not received as a gentleman. At a "dance" given by La Marquise de la Valette, in Paris, recently, the Duchesse de Douches wore a headdress composed of nine gold ears of wheat, the points being pearls as large as acorns. At a recent meeting of factory hands in England, it was resolved that workmen ought never to be content till they get "Eight hours' work, eight hours' play, eight hours' sleep, eight shillings a day." A rough estimate was lately made of the property of the Estates of the Marquis de Montebello, when it was estimated that, if realized, they would amount to the enormous sum of forty-six millions (\$230,000,000).

The following singular marriage occurs in a North Carolina paper—"By Dr. J. A. Sherrill, at twilight on Wednesday evening, February 28, 1866, in Catawba county, N. C., at the house of the bride's widowed mother, Mr. A. A. Gabriele to Miss Lizzie Milligan, after a short but most delicious courtship." A new passion among the ladies of Parisian society is during the Eastern holidays to originate and personally attend bazaars for charitable purposes. One of these this season boasted of the patronage of the Princess Metternich, the Countess Walewski, and the young Imperatrice, the Duchesse de Monchy. Rosebuds and smiles were distributed in exchange for hundred franc notes. Such is the cupidity of the male nudes in Paris, that the moment a female patient dies her husband is ordered to be buried in the hospital, and the Hotel Dieu is said to have made 800 francs by selling the hair and teeth of dead patients in his ward! For dentists are as eager purchasers of corpses' teeth as hair-dressers are of corpses' hair.

CITY ORDINANCES.

RESOLUTION Relating to the Lawrence Todd Lease. Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Superintendent of the Girard Estates be and he is hereby directed to have in the name of the City of Philadelphia all moneys owing to the Lawrence Todd Lease under the will of Stephen Girard, and all the accumulations thereon. WILLIAM S. STOKLEY, President of Common Council. Attest— BENJAMIN H. HAYNER, Clerk of said Council. JAMES LYND, President of Select Council. Approved this fifth day of May, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six (A. D. 1866). MORTON McMICHAEL, Mayor of Philadelphia.

RESOLUTION To Lay Water Pipe in Sutherland and Warren Streets.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Engineer of the Water Department be and he is hereby directed to have water pipe laid in the following streets: Sutherland street, from Shippen street to Richardson street in the Twenty-sixth Ward. William S. Stokley, President of Common Council. Attest— ROBERT BETHLEH, Assistant Clerk of Select Council. JAMES LYND, President of Select Council. Approved this fifth day of May, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six (A. D. 1866). MORTON McMICHAEL, Mayor of Philadelphia.

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HEAD-QUARTERS OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF NAVY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Plans and specifications of the proposed buildings can be seen at the office of John McArthur, Esq., architect, No. 209 S. 21st street, Philadelphia, who will afford all bidders every information necessary to a full understanding of the requirements of the Department and the manner of the erection and construction of the Hospital and its appurtenances, and carry through the same to completion, according to the plans and specifications above mentioned.

Each proposal to be considered, must be guaranteed by two responsible persons, certified by the United States District Attorney, or Collector, or other public officer, as to their competence and willingness to guarantee to the sum of \$100,000 the whole amount of the proposal offered, (that the bidders or builders so guaranteed, should be awarded him or them) shall, within ten days of the acceptance of his or their bid, enter into contract with the Navy Department, for the erection and construction of the Hospital and its appurtenances, and carry through the same to completion, according to the plans and specifications above mentioned.

Proposals must state the shortest time required to complete the contract, with the understanding that the contractor or contractors who shall be awarded the contract will give the preference to that naming the shortest time.

Payment for the work will be made monthly, as it progresses, upon certificate of the architect, stating amount and quality, and that the terms of the contract have been complied with—the Department will retain seven per cent of the whole amount of each certificate until the buildings are delivered into its hands, complete and ready for occupation according to the terms of the contract for the erection and construction of a Naval Hospital and its appurtenances before mentioned.

All the proposals must be addressed to the undersigned, and must be accompanied by the name of the bidder, and "Proposals for Naval Hospital at Philadelphia."

The proposals will be opened in the presence of the officers of the Navy Department, at noon on Tuesday, May 22, 1866.

The Department reserves to itself the right to reject any or all bids not deemed by it satisfactory or to the interests of the Government.

P. J. HORWITZ, Chief of Bureau.

GOVERNMENT SALE OF THE MILITARY RAILROAD AT BRAZOS SANIAO, TEXAS.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF WAR, WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24, 1866.

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Proposals should be endorsed "Proposals for the Purchase of Bridge Iron."

F. J. CRILLY, Brevet Major and A. Q. M., U. S. Army, 430-1st

DEPARTMENT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY WITH WATER.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL

Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Chief Engineer, No. 104 South FIFTH Street, until TUESDAY, May 15, at 3 o'clock P. M., for Anthracite Coal, lump, broken, or steamboat, as follows:—

5000 tons delivered by railroad on the shute at the Schuylkill works.

2500 tons delivered by boat upon the wharf at the Delaware works.

800 tons delivered by carts on the shute at the twenty-fourth Ward works.

Builders will state the colliery from which the coal is to be delivered, and the kind of coal sold for, and the price per ton of 2240 lbs.

The coal will be weighed at the point of delivery, and all bona fide bids will be accompanied with a certificate that a bond of five hundred dollars has been deposited with the City Solicitor, as per ordinance of May 25, 1860.

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